



C. K. Packing House Burned.

Editor DEMOCRAT.

Last Saturday between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m., the large, 10-story packing and slaughter house of Chris Koopman, on the Walnut, caught fire. The alarm was given, and hose company Lampe was soon on the scene. When the Lampe fire department reached it the huge building was a mass of flames. Soon half a dozen streams were playing on the fire but all in vain. Within 15 minutes the structure collapsed with a sound like a thunder clap. Captain Lampe's men worked fully five minutes after the building collapsed and soon had the flames under control, but the Walnut was pumped dry for two miles up the creek. The fire caught in the smoking department, where carloads of pork were being cured. Loss on pork and building not known. Chris says he now has roast beef and pork for sale at 1 cent a pound. For more particulars, see Chris himself.

P. S.—A new company will arise from the ruins of the old edifice, and will be known as "The C. K. Roasted Beef and Pork Co." A. READER.

A Chicken Story.

Editor DEMOCRAT.

As the hen has been somewhat abused of late, the fruit of her industry hardly being worth hauling to market, probably your readers would like to hear about my old hen, "Samantha."

Samantha was a good hen, but like some equal suffragists, fond of wandering. One day last winter she wandered too far, a blizzard overtook her, about three miles from cooptown, and when we found her next day out in a cornfield she had both legs so badly frozen that they came off. But Samantha was not ready to give up the ghost. She was a good hen, and a kind of a family relic; so I took and fitted on a pair of wooden legs, tying them on with copper wire. In time she became real handy, could devastate a lettuce bed with the next one.

Along in the spring she stole away and set up to raising a family. We did not think much about that; but blamed if she didn't surprise us when her time was up. She came off that nest with fourteen chicks, and I'll be doggasted if every fuzzy one of them did not have wooden legs, fastened on with copper wire.

Now don't think I'm a populist romancer. I'm a free silver democrat not afraid to hustle—like our old Samantha—for my living; and want no paternalism or female suffrage in mine.

OLD SETTLER.

FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY.

HEIZER HASH.

By "Remington."

Base ball at Heizer next Saturday. The sports captured another wild cat last Thursday.

S. H. Hedrick was doing business at Olmitz last Friday.

Chas. Gunn is selling his alfalfa seed at \$4 per bushel.

Manna Keener of Marquette is here on a hunting tour.

The Commercial school meets Saturday afternoons of late.

Gus Fenn has his new house near completion, in the 4th ward.

W. B. Lucas broke bread with Robt. Merten and family last Sunday.

The past few days reminds us of our old latitude when we were in Kansas.

The Heizer Creamery Company aims to have their skimming station running at Pawnee Rock by May 1st.

Commissioner Harper and his son, Henry, were at Hoisington last Saturday as delegates from Walnut township.

John Coss is going the rounds as assessor. He thinks no more of asking your age than he does the number of your horses.

Clarence Harper has been wielding the rod as teacher in district 20, in the absence of Miss Waugh, who has been attending court at Great Bend.

AROUND CLAFLIN.

The Leader Says—

B. J. Meyer is home from his eastern trip.

That W. Strader started back to the Strip last week.

Joe Roesler is preparing to build a commodious new residence on his farm.

O. S. White has put in a new barber chair, with all the modern improvements.

The Logan creamery has established another skimming station at Bushton which will be in operation soon.

W. G. Goodrich has resigned as secretary and butter maker at the Logan township creamery, to take effect in the near future.

Joe Cummings ventured out Saturday for the first time since he was hurt. He overdid himself, probably, as he suffered a slight relapse.

ABOUT ELLINWOOD.

The Advocate says:

The special edition is promised to be out March 20th.

Mrs. Wm. Panning is suffering from a paralytic stroke.

The "40 hours devotion" was observed at the St. Joseph's Catholic church, March 8th to 10th inclusive.

Joe Sprinker has started out on his annual rounds as assessor, and promises to ask more questions than ever.

Paul Andrae left Tuesday morning for Louisville, Ky., and other eastern points to visit for several weeks.

One of the highest flyers in town is a poor person to whom her rich folks in Boston send their second hand clothes.

A big dance, supper and reception was tendered to a large number of people at C. H. Christiansen's of the south side last Saturday evening. Quite a number attended from town and report a most excellent time. It was the final ball and reception given by Chas. Christiansen jr. in honor of his recent marriage to Miss Koelsch.

HOISINGTON COMMENTS.

From the Dispatch.

The wheat crop is coming all right. This is straight.

The creamery will be started before many days. Mr. Jones has to overhaul some of the machinery first.

Rev. J. A. Woodburn received \$5 the other day, the marriage fee for a ceremony performed thirty three years ago. Of course the account was outlawed long ago, but something had happened that the man wanted the certificate and he had to pay up.

The secret of our leasing the Dispatch has leaked out. First they said it was for district clerk, then county clerk, but the Lyons Republican plays the trump card with the following: "We hear that Chas. L. Hobart, one of the best known young republicans of Barton county, will be a candidate for senator from this district. Charley stands high where he is best known." This boost from the able president of the 7th district republican editorial association gives the "boom" such proportions that we will have to become a "receptive" candidate, although this is eight or twelve years ahead of schedule time.

SEWARD AND VICINITY.

By "Beulah."

Mrs. J. E. McDonald has been quite sick.

John Piper, of the south side, was a Bend visitor Sunday.

John Seeley and wife are the happy parents of a new girl baby.

August Bordewix and Miss Tillie Sullo were married a few days ago.

John Kerr, east of Seward, did business in Great Bend last Saturday.

Madam Rumor has it that we are soon to have a couple more weddings.

Henry Bordewix, our township trustee, did business in Saint John Monday.

Miss Lou Rogers, a teacher in this vicinity, visited her folks south of Saint John last Saturday and Sunday.

On account of cold and storm the items from this locality did not get in last week. But I hope not to be tardy again.

Mrs. Daisy Allhands closed her winter school at Douglas Valley, Friday, giving a grand exhibition in the evening. The house was full, a great many having to stand up. Mrs. A. taught a good school, and made many friends. She is the daughter of Deputy Sheriff McWilliams of St. John.

ALBERT ITEMS.

From "The Silent One."

Here I come again.

Farmer, come to the creamery every day now.

Where does Fred Gallon spend Sunday when he goes west?

"Johnny Smoken" of the Advocate has just discovered he is growing old.

Those who attended the social at Rev. Hopkins report a very pleasant evening.

J. S. Winget, P. W. Paxon and John Campbell were in Great Bend Monday.

Little Ethel Campbell from Hoisington spent a few days visiting among her friends.

Mr. Harrison returned from his eastern trip this week. Says every thing is mud back there.

John Campbell and Charley Haase are talking of starting a meat shop in Albert in the near future.

We are going to have an organ in the church soon. We should all be ready and willing to cast in our "mites."

Mr. York's little baby was taken very sick Monday afternoon, we are unable to say how it is at this date.

Lot Hall died, at his home, southwest of Albert, of Dropsy. He had been sick for some time. He leaves a wife and family.

The "Rock of Ages" concert which was to have been given Sunday night will be given next Sunday the 15th, beginning at 7:30, P. M.

Quarterly meeting Saturday night and Sunday, was well attended. The Presiding Elder preached a very able and logical sermon Sunday morning.

Rev. Hawkins preached his farewell sermon here, Sunday evening before going to conference. He preaches at No. 28 and No. 4 the 15 inst.

GALATIA GRIST.

From "T. Winkle."

Mr. Mullen has purchased a new buggy.

Oswald Shapland took in the "sights" at the county capitol Saturday and Sunday.

Freddie Childs has been very sick with a severe cold.

From all appearance the crop of new buggies is good in the spring.

Trueman Sizer, from Rush county has been visiting friends near here.

The schools of Miss Rosa Algrove and Prof. Gunn closed last Friday.

Billy Cone was out from Great Bend on business, one day last week.

Miss Sadie Bott was visiting over on the west side, Thursday and Friday.

Some of the young folks attended the lyceum over in Russel county last Thursday night.

F. H. Shelton, and wife and L. W. Brunson and wife were visiting at W. A. Browns last week.

Mrs. Osa Fleener's school has closed and she has joined her husband in Ness City, their future home.

Several of our citizens have been in the county seat the past week attending the Dave Speck trial.

W. A. and T. C. Brown, Len Barrows, and Fred Neitlingham were delegates to the convention at Hoisington.

A number from this vicinity were in attendance at the U. B. quarterly meeting held at Mt. Olivet Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Vilsons, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown, Samuel Bott and Miss Anna Mullen attended Rev. Greens meetings at Elmdale Sunday.

ODIN NEWS

By "F. J. F."

John Boor Sundayed with his brother in Cain City.

Frank Wondra made a flying trip to Ellinwood Tuesday.

J. X. Smith closed his school at Dist. 54 and will take up the Catholic school at Dubuque this spring.

Rev. Father Novachek from Wilson visited our Father Heimann.

Spring is approaching slowly; wild geese and ducks are on their trip north.

P. Schauf and N. Cramer from near Dubuque were in our village Sunday.

G. Klug, A. Gerstenkorn and N. Tucker spent Sunday with August Debes.

Martin Kehoe, from Hollyrood, dropped in our village for a chat Sunday last.

E. Miller is talking about going to Missouri this spring to try and find his fortune.

Rev. Father Heimann drove down to Ellinwood to assist Father Emerick during the 40th hour devotion.

Rev. Father Horgan from Kolbee, Kas., was the guest of our Father Heimann for several days last week.

About 15 teams were hauling coal from Clafin to our skimming station last week, and everything is ready to start.

I forgot to mention in my last report that the brother and sister of the deceased Mrs. Myers were here from Wisconsin to attend the funeral.

Here is a composition from a school-boy: "One day I was in the country I saw a cow and I hit her with a rock a dog bit me a sow chased me I fell out of a wagon and a bee stung me and the old gobbler flopped me I went down to the branch and I fell in and wet my pants." There's a whole novel for you in six lines.

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ED. S. MARX, Mg'r.